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Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the attack on the Alfred P. Murrah
Federal Building.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the tenth anniversary of the attack on the
Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

Whereas on April 19, 1995, at 9:02 a.m. Central Daylight
Time, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the United States
was attacked in one of the worst terrorist attacks on
United States soil, which killed 168 people and injured
more than 850 others;

Whereas this dastardly act of domestic terrorism affected
thousands of families and horrified millions of people
across the State of Oklahoma and the United States;

Whereas the people of Oklahoma and the United States re-
sponded to this tragedy through the remarkable efforts of
local, State, and Federal law enforcement, firefighters,
and emergency services, search and rescue teams from
across the United States, public and private medical per-

sonnel, and thousands of volunteers from the community who saved lives, assisted the injured and wounded, comforted the bereaved, and provided meals and support to those who came to Oklahoma City to help those endangered and affected by this terrorist act;

Whereas the people of Oklahoma and the United States pledged themselves to build and maintain a permanent national memorial to remember those who were killed, those who survived, and those changed forever;

Whereas this pledge was fulfilled by creating the Oklahoma City National Memorial, which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors from around the world every year to the site of this tragic event in United States history;

Whereas the Oklahoma City National Memorial brings comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity to the many visitors who come to the memorial and its museum each year to remember and to learn;

Whereas the mission of the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, to aid the Nation's emergency responders in preventing terrorist attacks, or mitigating their effects, should be promoted; and

Whereas the tenth anniversary of the terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is on April 19, 2005: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) joins with the people of the United States
 3 in sending best wishes and prayers to the families,
 4 friends, and neighbors of the 168 people killed in the
 5 terrorist bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal
 6 Building in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma;

1 (2) sends Congress’s best wishes and thoughts
2 to those injured in the bombing and its gratitude for
3 their recovery;

4 (3) thanks the thousands of first responders,
5 rescue workers, medical personnel, and volunteers
6 from the Oklahoma City community and across the
7 Nation who answered the call for help that April
8 morning and in the days and weeks thereafter;

9 (4) resolves to work with the people of the
10 United States to promote the goals and mission es-
11 tablished by the Oklahoma City National Memorial
12 on the tenth anniversary of that fateful day;

13 (5) supports the resolve for the future, written
14 on the wall of the memorial, “We come here to re-
15 member those who were killed, those who survived,
16 and those changed forever. May all who leave here
17 know the impact of violence. May this memorial
18 offer comfort, strength, peace, hope, and serenity.”;

19 (6) designates the week of April 17, 2005, as
20 the National Week of Hope, commemorating the
21 tenth anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing;

22 (7) calls on the people of the United States to
23 participate in the events scheduled for each day of
24 that week to teach a lesson of hope in the midst of
25 political violence and to teach that good endures in

1 the world even among those who commit bad acts
 2 and further to teach that there is a way to resolve
 3 differences other than resorting to terrorism or vio-
 4 lence, including the—

- 5 (A) Day of Faith;
- 6 (B) Day of Understanding;
- 7 (C) Day of Remembrance;
- 8 (D) Day of Sharing;
- 9 (E) Day of Tolerance;
- 10 (F) Day of Caring; and
- 11 (G) Day of Inspiration;

12 (8) congratulates the people of Oklahoma City
 13 for making tremendous progress over the past dec-
 14 ade and demonstrating their steadfast commitment
 15 to the ability of hope to triumph over violence;

16 (9) applauds the people of Oklahoma City as
 17 they continue to persevere and to stand as a beacon
 18 to the rest of the Nation and the world attesting to
 19 the strength of goodness in overcoming evil wherever
 20 it arises in our midst; and

21 (10) directs the Secretary of the Senate to
 22 transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the
 23 Memorial Foundation, as an expression of apprecia-
 24 tion.

